

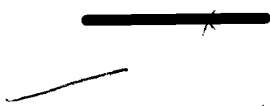
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BASIC INTELLIGENCE

1. During the reporting period the NIS passed the program's tenth anniversary, having in the ten years virtually completed initial coverage of JCS high-priority areas and made significant progress in the program's second phase of maintenance production to ensure the continuing effectiveness of the National Intelligence Survey.

2. NIS production during the reporting period brought the total NIS produced to date to 4,310 sections. This represents 72% of initial across-the-board topical coverage on all world areas, and 95% initial coverage on the JCS high-priority group of areas. As a result of concerted efforts to compensate for manpower reductions and crash intelligence situations in the contributing agencies, the rate of NIS production is being sustained at close to the level achieved during FY 1958, when the JCS yearly requirement of 500 sections was exceeded. Over one-third of the production effort is now being allocated to maintenance revision of the published NIS to reflect both changes in intelligence requirements and the organized and continuing collection and processing of source materials which is a basic element in the NIS program.

3. Near East developments during the reporting period were accompanied by various indications of significant related use of the NIS, including urgent requests for additional copies on a wide range of topical sections.

  
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